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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the foreign documents are also enclosed.

US '692, US '639, EP '175, EP '612 and JP '964 were cited in an International Search Report in a corresponding PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report is also included for the Examiner's convenience. JP '964 is also listed on page 5 of the specification, and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

JP '229 is listed on page 2 of the specification, and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '009 corresponds to JP '229.

JP '595 is listed on page 3 of the specification, and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

JP '279, JP '185, JP '328, JP '841, JP '101, JP '441, US 383, US '402 and US '230 are listed on page 4 of the specification, and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '383 and US '402 correspond to JP '841. US '230 corresponds to JP '441. US '062 corresponds to JP '101.

JP '205 is listed on pages 5 and 6 of the specification, and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '466 corresponds to JP '205.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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	<b>5,428,383</b>	<b>06/1995</b>	<b>Shields et al.</b>			
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	<b>2003/0030692</b>	<b>02/2003</b>	<b>Uchida</b>			
	<b>2003/0151639</b>	<b>10/2001</b>	<b>Takahashi</b>			
	<b>6,964,466</b>	<b>11/2005</b>	<b>Kodama et al.</b>			

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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		<b>64-9279</b>	<b>01/1989</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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